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SPRINGFIELD, IL -- The Illinois Field Office of NASS today released the USDA's **March 1 Hogs and Pigs Report**. State and national highlights of the report include:

## ILLINOIS

The number of **hogs and pigs** on March 1, 2008 was 4.30 million, five percent more than were on hand on March 1, 2007 and one percent more than were on hand December 1, 2007. Breeding hogs on hand March 1, 2008 were estimated at 450 thousand head, two percent more than a year earlier, and market hogs, at 3.85 million head, were up five percent.

The **pig crop** from December of 2007 through February of 2008 was 2.162 million, 14 percent above the same period a year earlier. There were 235 thousand sows that farrowed, up 12 percent from a year earlier. The litter rate for the quarter was 9.20 pigs saved per litter, unchanged compared to the previous quarter's rate.

**Farrowing** intentions for the March through May quarter of 2008 is 235 thousand, up two percent from those farrowed during this period a year earlier. The first estimate of intentions for the June through August quarter of 2008 is for 235 thousand sows to farrow, down two percent from the previous year.

## UNITED STATES

**U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008 was 65.9 million head. This was up 7 percent from March 1, 2007, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2007.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.14 million head, was up less than 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 59.8 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

**The December 2007-February 2008 pig crop**, at 28.1 million head, was up 6 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.05 million head, up 5 percent from 2007 and up 7 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.21 for the December 2007-February 2008 period, compared to 9.09 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS MARCH 1, 2007-2008

	Illinois			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Breeding	440	450	102	6,110	6,138	100
Market	3,660	3,850	105	55,749	59,770	107
Under 60 lbs.	1,310	1,390	106	20,381	21,897	107
60-119 lbs.	890	920	103	13,356	14,291	107
120-179 lbs.	790	830	105	11,679	12,443	107
180 lbs.& over	670	710	106	10,334	11,140	108
Total	4,100	4,300	105	61,860	65,909	107

HOGS AND PIGS: FARROWINGS & PIG CROP, 2007-2008

	Illinois			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Sows Farrowing						
Dec-Feb 1/	210	235	112	2,905	3,051	105
Mar-May	230	235 2/	102	3,033	3,047	100
Jun-Aug	240	235 2/	98	3,114	3,037	98
Sep-Nov 1/	215	235	109	2,949	3,099	105
Pig Crop						
Dec-Feb 1/	1,901	2,162	114	26,396	28,094	106
Sep-Nov 1/	1,957	2,162	110	26,857	28,690	107
Pigs Per Litter	Number					
Dec-Feb 1/	9.05	9.20	-	9.09	9.21	-
Sep-Nov 1/	9.10	9.20	-	9.11	9.26	-

1/ December and September through November of prior year.

2/ Intentions.

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